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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

September 15, 2008

Governor Rick Perry
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711-2428

Dear Governor Perry,

We are writing to express our unequivocal support for the State of Texas in this time of crisis, as State and local officials begin efforts to recover from this devastating disaster.

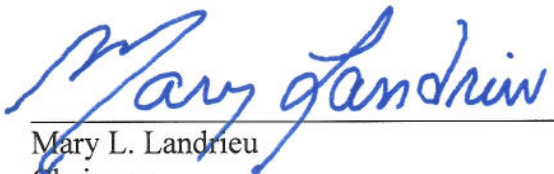
We recognize the gravity of Texas's situation and the tremendous work of first responders and emergency managers in the midst of this disaster. We also pledge to utilize our leadership roles on the Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery to provide the necessary oversight for effective federal response and recovery. We will make sure our staff is available to help you and your staff as you navigate FEMA's disaster assistance programs.

Please know that our subcommittee is monitoring the response and recovery activities that have been undertaken by the Department of Homeland Security and its components, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the other federal agencies involved in the response coordinated by FEMA. In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Congress enacted significant reforms to improve our nation's ability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, and mitigate the impact of natural and man-made disasters. We are paying careful attention to ensure that these measures are implemented successfully and that the overall response is effective.

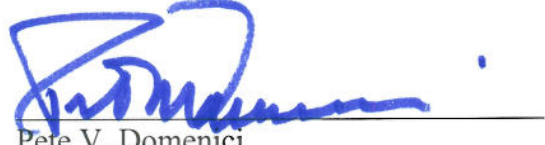
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Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu
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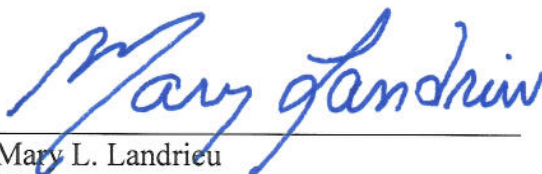
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